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FIELD CROPS

POTATO STOCKS

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POTATO STOCKS UP 3 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 164 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, 2003, up 3 percent from last year but 17 percent below 2001. Storage accounts for 40 percent of the 2002 fall storage State's production, down 1 percentage point from last year.

Disappearance, at 247 million cwt, from the start of harvest in 2002 to March 1, is up 8 percent from the same period last year but 5 percent below two years ago. February disappearance was 33.6 million cwt, virtually unchanged from a year ago but 8 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 22.2 million cwt, is up 2 percent from last year but 24 percent below two years ago.

Processors used 126 million cwt of 2002 crop potatoes so far this season, up 10 percent from a year ago but 4 percent below two years ago. February usage of 18.8 million cwt is 2 percent above last year and 3 percent above two years ago. Dehydrators used 28.0 million cwt to date. This processing report does not include chip potatoes from the Klamath Basin of Oregon and California.

Western States held 121 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, up 6 percent from last year but 18 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are up 7 percent from last year and Colorado's are up 35 percent. Washington's potato stocks are 2 percent above last year, but Oregon's storage is down 14 percent. California's stocks are 67 percent above last year and Montana's are up 14 percent.

Central States account for 33.5 million cwt of potato stocks this March 1, down 7 percent from last year and 14 percent below two years ago. North Dakota's stocks dropped 24 percent, Minnesota's slipped 6 percent, and Wisconsin stocks are down 5 percent from a year earlier. Potato storage in Michigan is up 34 percent from last year, while stocks in Nebraska and Ohio together are up 21 percent.

Eastern States stored 9.05 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, up 9 percent from last year but 14 percent below the 2000 crop. Maine's stocks are up 13 percent from last year, but New York's are down 8 percent and Pennsylvania's dropped 17 percent.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on March 1, 2002 and 2003 ^{1/}

| State | Crop of 2001 | | | Crop of 2002 | | |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Production | Stocks Mar 1, 2002 | Percent of production | Production | Stocks Mar 1, 2003 | March as percent of production |
| | 1,000 cwt | | Percent | 1,000 cwt | | Percent |
| California | 1,424 | 600 | 42 | 4,450 | 1,000 | 22 |
| Colorado | 21,357 | 9,400 | 44 | 27,885 | 12,700 | 46 |
| Idaho | 120,200 | 58,000 | 48 | 133,385 | 62,000 | 46 |
| Maine | 16,430 | 7,100 | 43 | 16,960 | 8,000 | 47 |
| Michigan | 13,950 | 3,200 | 23 | 13,878 | 4,300 | 31 |
| Minnesota | 18,425 | 7,900 | 43 | 18,700 | 7,400 | 40 |
| Montana | 3,296 | 2,460 | 75 | 3,224 | 2,800 | 87 |
| Nebraska ^{2/} | 8,400 | | | 8,611 | | |
| New York | 5,942 | 600 | 10 | 5,500 | 550 | 10 |
| North Dakota | 26,400 | 12,300 | 47 | 23,460 | 9,300 | 40 |
| Ohio ^{2/} | 1,097 | | | 1,008 | | |
| Oregon | 20,730 | 11,500 | 55 | 24,936 | 9,900 | 40 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,173 | 600 | 19 | 2,590 | 500 | 19 |
| Washington | 94,400 | 32,500 | 34 | 95,200 | 33,000 | 35 |
| Wisconsin | 31,955 | 10,000 | 31 | 31,125 | 9,500 | 31 |
| Other States | | 2,430 | | | 2,950 | |
| Total 15 States | 387,179 | 158,590 | 41 | 410,912 | 163,900 | 40 |

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2002 totaled 29.3 million cwt.

^{2/} Combined into "Other States".

POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2000-2002 ^{1/}

| State | Crop year | To Dec 1 | To Jan 1 | To Feb 1 | To Mar 1 | To Apr 1 | To May 1 | To Jun 1 | Entire season |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| 1,000 cwt | | | | | | | | | |
| Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon | 2000 | 29,290 | 35,720 | 43,470 | 50,580 | 58,910 | 66,760 | 75,270 | 93,460 |
| | 2001 | 20,940 | 27,330 | 33,620 | 40,860 | 47,710 | 54,150 | 61,200 | 73,390 |
| | 2002 | 28,380 | 34,860 | 41,200 | 48,600 | | | | |
| Maine ^{2/} | 2000 | 1,845 | 2,475 | 3,105 | 3,695 | 4,225 | 4,760 | 5,340 | 7,015 |
| | 2001 | 1,975 | 2,440 | 3,110 | 3,700 | 4,285 | 4,775 | 5,515 | 7,195 |
| | 2002 | 2,275 | 2,720 | 3,300 | 3,855 | | | | |
| Washington and Other areas, Oregon | 2000 | 34,770 | 40,970 | 47,720 | 55,250 | 62,860 | 69,850 | 78,010 | 91,130 |
| | 2001 | 29,320 | 35,310 | 40,540 | 47,910 | 54,970 | 61,360 | 69,400 | 77,180 |
| | 2002 ^{3/} | 33,680 | 39,490 | 44,190 | 51,920 | | | | |
| Other States ^{4/} | 2000 | 12,665 | 16,215 | 18,975 | 22,095 | 25,410 | 28,695 | 31,765 | 39,020 |
| | 2001 | 13,270 | 15,325 | 19,060 | 22,255 | 24,865 | 28,095 | 30,810 | 36,300 |
| | 2002 | 13,275 | 15,720 | 18,960 | 22,115 | | | | |
| Total | 2000 | 78,570 | 95,380 | 113,270 | 131,620 | 151,405 | 170,065 | 190,385 | 230,625 |
| | 2001 | 65,505 | 80,405 | 96,330 | 114,725 | 131,830 | 148,380 | 166,925 | 194,065 |
| | 2002 | 77,610 | 92,790 | 107,650 | 126,490 | | | | |
| Dehydrated ^{5/} | 2000 ^{6/} | | | | | | | | 51,946 |
| | 2001 ^{6/} | | | | | | | | 38,581 |
| | 2002 | 15,660 | 19,655 | 23,690 | 27,950 | | | | |

^{1/} Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, CO, MI, and WI.

^{2/} Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

^{3/} February revised.

^{4/} MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2000 and 2001. CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI in 2002.

^{5/} Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

^{6/} No monthly data available.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1993 through 2002

| Crop Year | Production | Dec 1 | Jan 1 | Feb 1 | Mar 1 | Apr 1 | May 1 | Jun 1 ^{1/} |
|-----------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| 1,000 Cwt | | | | | | | | |
| 1993 | 376,954 | 249,410 | 217,300 | 185,490 | 153,435 | 115,170 | 72,860 | |
| 1994 | 410,839 | 273,290 | 238,560 | 202,470 | 169,570 | 129,825 | 87,600 | |
| 1995 | 394,785 | 256,710 | 223,550 | 189,360 | 156,020 | 115,855 | 75,870 | |
| 1996 | 443,704 | 295,100 | 261,320 | 226,080 | 189,210 | 147,635 | 103,210 | |
| 1997 | 413,513 | 278,830 | 246,550 | 212,562 | 175,870 | 134,190 | 92,840 | |
| 1998 | 423,170 | 280,910 | 246,230 | 209,640 | 173,650 | 131,220 | 87,895 | 50,270 |
| 1999 | 420,567 | 275,100 | 239,910 | 207,150 | 169,620 | 128,410 | 86,915 | 47,220 |
| 2000 | 458,827 | 310,300 | 275,270 | 234,260 | 197,670 | 153,520 | 109,160 | 61,240 |
| 2001 | 387,179 | 258,750 | 224,680 | 192,190 | 158,590 | 119,950 | 81,200 | 42,990 |
| 2002 | 410,912 | 265,890 | 232,140 | 197,470 | 163,900 | | | |

^{1/} Data not available prior to 1998.